

THE LONE LAND.

Col. W. F. Butler, of C. B. & A. C., the well known author of the "Great Lone Land," who visited the North West in 1873, has just made another visit to this country, in the interests of a London Colonization Company, who expect to forward a large number of emigrants to the Territories during the coming spring and summer. The Col. left England October 7th, and reached Prince Albert on the 28th, crossed to Edmonton in four days, arriving in Calgary nine days later, having travelled a distance of about 7,000 miles, 1,050 of which were by land. He speaks of the great change he found throughout the Territories since his former visit, places which were then a dreary waste, have since sprung up and become flourishing towns. Prince Albert, which at that time consisted of eight log huts, is now a prosperous place, surrounded by a well cultivated country; Edmonton, then only a Hudson Bay trading post, has undergone a change equally great. The weather was very favourable for his trip, the first snow he encountered was at Victoria, November 10th, and on the following day the thermometer registered 24 below zero; but this was immediately followed by milder weather. When he left Edmonton they had a foot of snow, which extended for some miles south, but on reaching Red Deer, and for the remainder of his journey, none was visible. Along the various routes he found the settlers well satisfied as far as the land and climate were concerned, even allowing for the summer frosts, yet a very wide spread opinion prevailed that causes, other than climatic, were operating seriously against the welfare and prosperity of the country.

The Col. left Calgary for the east on Monday morning, and after a short stay in Ottawa and Montreal, returns to England. This is his third visit to this country, first in 1870, the year of the small-pox; second in 1873, when he travelled through Athabasca and Peace River Districts to the Pacific Coast. On the present visit he expected to be accompanied by Lord Dunraven, but who was prevented at the last moment by uncontrollable circumstances. The Col.'s voyage out was very pleasant out the new steamer "Oregon," which on this trip made the fastest day's sailing on record, viz., 456 miles in 24 hours.

INSPECTOR AND DETECTIVE,

We are pleased to notice that both the C.P.R. authorities and P.O. Inspector are taking steps to bring to justice the guilty party or parties who have lately been robbing the mails.

Mr. O'Keefe, the detective for the C.P.R., was here last week and part of this, looking into the matter and quietly taking notes, and he thinks he has got a "clue." A "clue" is a very nice thing to have, but we trust he will be able to lay his hands on the thief himself, as Mr. O'Keefe expects to do and bring him to justice.

Mr. Brough, the Assistant P.O. Inspector, was also here on Tuesday, and he also thinks he can pretty well track down the robber into his hole, and he is not watching the hole pretty closely, so we trust them both we think the letter manipulator will have a prick, not time of it in cold weather. It would be better for the letter to take a vacation and visit his friends in the States.

The authorities, however, have not begun too soon to trace up this outrage, and we trust the lesson they have learned at the expense of the public will have a good effect.

There is at the same time a springing match between the t. & P.R. folks and the Government as to the responsibility for loss or irregularities in the mails. We are assured on the one hand that the C.P.R. do not assume any responsibility. As

to the safety of the mails they say they only agree to carry them. On the other we are as strongly advised that the C. P. R. are bound in writings to carry the mails safely and are paid for so doing, and while these parties are fighting out the question of responsibility the mail are rifled. We understand, however, that an arrangement has been arrived at and the mails will be carried properly protected.

Both the above named gentlemen assure us that the public need have no fear for the future for the safety of their letters as they will be properly guarded. While we are willing to take explanations and make allowances for little irregularities because of the newness of the service we do not think the public should be made to suffer so great loss and inconvenience for the sake of so small and needed an outlet as would ensure safety, and this view will, no doubt, be taken by those who are responsible whatever they are.

LIQUOR CASES.

Before Major Downing.

Business has been lively at the Barracks during the present week and several parties have been called up to hand over the collateral.

Lewis and Lutes mentioned in our last as being arrested for having liquor in their possession, were fined \$200 each and costs, or six months in jail. Fines paid.

C. Anderson, to whom a cargo of liquor was consigned, and who had paid the freight charges thereon, was fined \$200 and costs, or six months.

Samuel Bradly was up on two charges. First, having liquor in his possession illegally; second, for selling the same. On each charge he was fined \$200 and costs, or three months. The imprisonment not to run concurrently.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN VIEW.—Our thanks are due to James R. Whigham, Esq., of the C. P. R. Land Department, for a set of views of Calgarystown, and the Rocky Mountains. He writes that these will be placed for sale at L. G. Baker & Co., and will make a nice kind of Xmas card to send to eastern friends.

PERSONALS.

Mr. Lucas, of Edmonton, was in town this week.

We are happy to learn that wife of Mr. G. McLean, Esq., is recovering.

Bert. Mr. Robertson is visiting the settlers between Calgary and Pine Creek.

Major Bauer left yesterday morning for Montreal, and expects to be about two months.

Mr. McHugh, of the Construction Company, has resigned and left for the east on Wednesday morning.

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Mrs. Green and two daughters passed the night on their way to Morley, which is to be their home. Mr. Green and them at Calgary and accompanied them to their destination.

Major and Mrs. Hard, of Colorado Springs, are stopping at the Calgary House. They expect to visit Montreal and Ottawa before taking their departure for home.

Mr. White, of the Ochoco Ranch, has just returned from a visit to the range in the Kootenai district. He reports finding about a foot of snow on his arrival there.

Rev. Father LaCroix, while driving up to pay a visit this week, met with a horse by breaking the axle of his buckboard. Fortunately his horse was a quiet one, otherwise a serious accident might have occurred.

Mr. Jaques, of the firm of Jaques & Wixson, has just returned from a trip to Silver City, where he received a large amount of information on the treatment of which no doubt will be attended to and set carefully on their paths.

P. D. Wadeworth, Toronto, Inspector of Indian Agencies, is on a tour of inspection throughout the territories. He arrived on Tuesday evening from Edmonton, and will inspect the different agencies in the Territories and considerately accompanied by the amount of business transacted in the place.

We were delighted with a call from our friend C. Harris, Esq., manager of the Bahia Ranch Co., this week. He expected him to be highly pleased with the condition of the country and considerably surprised with the amount of business transacted in the place.

Dr. Cameron, of Medicine Hat, who has long been confined to his hospital on account of sickness, is fast gaining strength, and hopes shortly to be practising again in his office.

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M. C. Cameron, Esq., M. P. for West Huron, has been making a tour through the North West, arrived in Calgary on Wednesday night, and is Mr. G. McLean's guest. Mr. Cameron during his stay has endeavoured to become acquainted with the needs of the pioneer, and we anticipate great good to follow, as Mr. Cameron will place the interests of the House in a clear and logical manner.

Mr. Ogurn, of the firm of Arman & Ogurn, left yesterday morning for MacLeod, where they purpose opening out a hotel, where they will practice law and will be available to the public.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hughes have gone to the Castle Mountain mine to inspect their recent purchase.

His Honor Lieut.-Governor Dewdney has lately made a donation to the building fund of the Methodist Church.

Mr. E. N. Brown left on Tuesday morning for Montreal, where he will remain during the winter.

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Prof. Goldwin Smith is in Quebec, Montreal has adopted the standard time.

Wm. Fagan, the man who ate his throat at St. George, is dead.

Letters patent have been issued to the Saskatchewan Coal Mining Co.

David Mills is to continue in the office of the London Advertiser.

Elegant library has been given in the Vandale election case now being tried.

A young child of Mr. St. Pierre of St. Roch's, Quebec, died suddenly Sunday last.

The water in the St. Lawrence river is nearly two feet lower than it was in the spring.

FIRTH.
On the 17th inst., the wife of Mr. W. N. Costello, of a son.

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